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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 3 to 21, please amend as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The technical field of the present invention is that of mechanical and electromechanical systems, and more particularly, the application of these systems to armoured combat and security vehicles.

2. Description of the Related Art

The present invention relates to a ballistic protection device applied to combat and security vehicles. Indeed, in order to counter certain threats (hollow charge bomblets, explosively-formed charges, kinetic projectiles) able to perforate great thicknesses of armouring, the thickness alone of the material constituting the roof (aluminium alloy, steel armour, composites) is not enough. Additional add-on armour is thus required. According to the threat such additional armour may be of a different kind: passive composite armour or reactive armour. It may be in the form of

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plates or bricks that are fastened to the roof of the vehicle. However, the roof of a combat vehicle, and in particular the roof of its turret, houses a certain quantity of equipment whose very presence makes it impossible or difficult to install such additional protection.

Page 2, after line 6 and before line 7, please insert the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

Page 3, after line 9 and before line 10, please insert the following subheading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

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Page 3, after line 23 and before line 24, please insert the following subheading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS.